

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:00 am



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**It is the Mission of Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church to be:
A blessed community in Christ that warmly welcomes people,
across their lifespans, to worship and serve in varied and diverse ways,
enthusiastically responding to God's call.**

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+ WE GATHER TOGETHER +
Welcome! We are delighted you are with us today!

If you are visiting with family or friends, we pray that your time together is filled with joy & love. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of our community of faith here at Tabor.

We prepare our hearts & minds for worship as we listen to the Prelude.

Prelude

Father I Adore You

Terrye Coelho

Verse 1

Father I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Verse 2

Jesus I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Verse 3

Spirit I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

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Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

L. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C. Amen.

L. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L. Merciful God,
 C. **we confess that we have not followed your path
 but have chosen our own way.
 Instead of putting others before ourselves,
 we long to take the best seats at the table.
 When met by those in need,
 we have too often passed by on the other side.
 Set us again on the path of faith and life.
 Save us from ourselves
 and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

L. God does not deal with us according to our sins
 but delights in granting forgiveness and mercy.
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
 We are sent to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Hymn

This Is My Father's World

ELW 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Greeting

- L. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- L. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.
- C. **Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD +

Psalm 49:1-12 (*Read responsively; congregation reads the **bold** verses.*)

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever,

their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God.

C. Word of Life.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

Sermon

~ Heather Loehmann

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Apostles' Creed *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.*

C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

(Petitions marked "W" for worshipper may be read by anyone who feels moved by the Spirit.)

AM. Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *silence*

W. Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

W. Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

W. Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

AM. Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give a hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer and empower us to answer that call. We lift up those who are especially close to the heart of our Tabor family – family and friends of Susan Knoll, the family and friends of May Choung, Bob and Joan Haversat, the Janow family, Connie Amadeo, Tim, Susan, Ruth, Carl, Joan, Iris, Lynne, Bob, Cathyann, Nancy, Lindsey, Tom, Carol, Chet. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

W. O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Strengthen and renew us, nourish and inspire us. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

W. Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

W. Buried with Christ in baptism & raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

AM. Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

*As we await the day when it will be safe to embrace one another,
we offer each other a sign of God's perfect peace... God's shalom.*

L. The peace of Christ be with you all.

C. And also with you.

+ WE ARE SENT TO SERVE +

A Prayer for Travelers

L. Let us pray. O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go, preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

Blessing

L. May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

- AM. Stand up for being open to new experiences and possibilities.
We stand with all the people we encounter today.
We stand for encouraging all people to live out their calling from God.
- C. **Witnessing to God's love, serving in God's name.**
Thanks be to God!

Assisting with Worship Today

Ushers	Need Volunteers
Lector	Need Volunteer
Assisting Minister	Need Volunteer
Musician	Chuck Stack
Guest Presider/Preacher	Heather Loehmann

Worship next Sunday, August 7, 2022

Ushers	Need Volunteers
Lector	Need Volunteer
Assisting Minister	Need Volunteer
Musician	Dave Mazur
Worship Leader/Preacher	Rev. Maria Hammons



Flowers on the altar today are provided by Michael & Dawn Carafeno in celebration of the 25th birthday of our incredible daughter, Emilie Grace Meyr. We love you forever and a day.

Sincere thanks to Heather Loehmann for leading worship today!

Opportunities to Serve at Tabor!

There are so many opportunities to serve here at Tabor and in our local Branford community. Joyful service helps others and warms our heart!

One way you can serve here at Tabor is to volunteer to be a part of our worship services. You can be a greeter, an usher, an acolyte, a lector, or an assisting minister. You can be part of the altar guild ...you can sing in the choir or play an instrument as a special music offering! All of these ministries help to ensure that we have faithful and meaningful worship and the full participation of the congregation in our Sunday morning gatherings. So consider this as an invitation to serve. It's joy-filled ministry, and it's easy too! After all, you're already going to be here on Sunday mornings, right? If you would like to know more about one (or more) of these ministries, click this link and make your choice:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4AA5AB2EAAF58-tabor>



Dear Tabor Lutheran Congregation,

On behalf of the parents of the teens who went on the work trip to Erie, PA, we want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to your congregation and leadership for all the love, support and encouragement given to our boys. Your gifts made it possible for them to attend this event, which was an experience that greatly affected their personal and spiritual growth in such positive ways.

They grew in understanding of what it means to be good stewards in the community, and how God calls us to "love thy neighbor". They gained such valuable lessons, formed new friendships, created lifelong memories and even picked up a few good carpentry skills!

We are also so appreciative of Nancy and Dennis Putnam for all of the planning to get the boys ready for the trip, as well as driving and chaperoning. Our boys are so lucky to have their guidance (not to mention limitless patience and humor!).

Thank you again, Tabor Lutheran. We are so grateful!

Sincerely,

The parents of Matt Celotto, Colin Lataillade, Sam Mackowiak, Sam Mayo, Mark & Ryan Michna, Nolan Stankewich, Luke Ste. Marie & Ethan Sullivan



CHURCH CALENDAR
July 31, 2022 – August 7, 2022

Sunday, July 31, 2022 10:00 a.m.	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Service w/Heather Loehmann	Church Lawn
Monday, August 1, 2022 9 a.m.-4pm 12:30pm-3:30pm	Office Hours Bridge Club	Church Office Room C
Tuesday August 2, 2022		
Wednesday, August 3, 2022 9 a.m.-4pm	Office Hours	Church Office
Thursday, August 4, 2022		
Friday, August 5, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 12:30pm-3:30pm	Office Hours Bridge Club	Church Office Room C
Saturday, August 6, 2022		
Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:00 a m	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship Service	Tabor Lawn